Dhabas. However, BSNL as a policy has decided to cover all Block HQs with Sanchar Dhabas on franchise basis.

Difference of rates between ISD and internet telephony

3813. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a wide difference of rates between the ISD and internet telephony at present;

(b) if so, whether Government would endeavour to strike a correlation between the two; and

(c) whether internet telephony is allowed without any additional licence fee or entry fee to the internet service providers and whether their original licences allow them voice applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There may not be any need for correlation as International Long Distance Service and Internet Telephony Service have been classified as different services and both are open for full competition.

(c) Yes, Sir. However, Telecom Authority has the right to review and impose licence fee anytime during the validity of the licence. The original licence of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) does not permit Telephony on Internet. The ISPs are to take permission to offer Internet Telephony Service.

Telephone facility in villages of Mainpuri

†3814. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the villages which were planned to provide telephone facility during the last five years alongwith the villages which have been

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

provided with the facility and villages which are yet to be provided the same, year-wise and village-wise;

(b) by when the rest of the villages would be provided telephone facility; and

(c) what action Government would take against the persons found guilty for negligence and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

TRAI's recommendations about imposition of USO Levy

3815. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the TRAI has come out with its final recommendations about imposition of USO levy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these recommendations have been implemented by Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the tentative time schedule for their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) have recommended appointment of universal service levy 5% of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR). This levy is a part of the total license fee to be paid by the various service providers such as Basic, Cellular, National and International Long Distance, Paging, Infrastructure Provider Category-II (IP-II), Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT). The funds created by the Universal Service Levy